

In 1959 I am hoping to be present when the St. Lawrence Seaway is opened and then I hope to take that chance to travel more widely across the country. All these developments and adventurous undertakings are making a contribution to Canada's prosperity, but I am also pleased to see the way Canada's stature has grown in the councils of the world.

*(Translation):*

Industry and commerce may bring wealth to a country, but the character of a nation is formed by other factors. Race, language, religion, culture and tradition all have some contribution to make and when I think of the diversity of these factors in Canada today and the achievements that have grown from their union, I feel proud and happy to be Queen of such a nation.

My stay in Canada will be so short and my duties in the capital so many that I shall be unable to stop elsewhere. But the memories of my visit in the province of Quebec, some years ago, are such that I do feel I have to say along with you: "I remember".

I remember not only the warmth of your greeting and the beauty of your ancient heritage, but also other things of abiding worth, for I know how much you love this land of yours where your ancestors lie buried. I know too of your passionate devotion to your ancient faith and to your mother tongue. Loyal united with your fellow citizens, you have helped Canada to play an ever increasing part in world affairs.

*(Text):*

In this wonderful land of yours, men and women of various racial origin live and work together on terms of equality. That is a splendid lesson for everyone. As Queen of Canada I am proud of it. In saying "au revoir", may I say too how grateful I am for all you have done for my husband and myself. To you and your children I wish peace and happiness.

There are long periods when life seems a small dull round, a petty business with no point and then suddenly we are caught up in some great event which gives us a glimpse of the solid and durable foundations of our existence. I hope that tomorrow will be such an occasion. I hope that all of you will feel that you are taking part in a piece of Canada's history. I wish more of you could be here to witness the ceremony, but at least tonight I have been able to speak to you directly in your homes.

And now it's time for me to say Goodnight. Good luck and God bless you all.